pool of workers engaged in clearing, forwarding and handling work at the Paradip port have filed voluntary returns of income tax for the assessment year 1991-92 and have paid tax of Rs. 81,089/- on the basis of the returns.

Income earned by way of wages is chargeable to income-tax under the head 'Salaries' as per the provisions of the Income-tax Act. Income-tax is deductible at source on any income chargeable under the head salaries, at the time of payment at the rates in force.

Prevention of smuggling at Indira Gandhi International Airport

2731. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the measures for prevention of smuggling at the Indira Gandhi International Airport Delhi, involve active participation of officials both from Customs Department as well as from the Delhi Police;

(b) whether there is any co-ordination between these two Departments to screen perioically their officials posted at the said airport to weed out those who may be found to have developed unscrupulous intentions detrimental to prevention of smuggling;

(c) if so, the measures taken and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) the rank-wise number of Customs officials attached to the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi in the order of number of years of their tenure at their present posting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The Customs Department is the primary agency for preventing smuggling at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi. However, due to their presence at different entry and exist points for performing security and immigration checks, police personnel posted at the Airport have also been able to detect some cases of smuggling.

Coordination is maintained between the department concerned with the activities at the Airport. If any personnel posted at the Airport is found to have developed unscrupulous intentions detrimental to the prevention of smuggling the fact is immediately brought to the notice of the concerned Department for appropriate action.

(d) The rank-wise number of Customs officers attached to the Indira Gandhi International Airport at Delhi alongwith the year of posting is given in the statement attached.

Statement

Rank-Wise number of Customs officers attached to the Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi alongwith the year of posting

Designation	Year of posting				Total
	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Addl. Collector				1	1
Asstt. Collector	1	1	2	4	8
Air Customs Superintendent		5	30	32	67
Air Customs Officers	9	32	84	131	256
Lady Searcher		1			1
Preventive Officer				6	6
Sepoys		2	10	14	26
Driver		5	5		10